**Housing for all**

1507. SHRI C.O. POULOSE: Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made a target of "housing for all" and decided to focus on the housing needs of the poor and deprived sections of the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government have conducted any survey to identify the homeless population in the country; and

(d) if so, the State-wise details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT (SHRI U.V. KRISHNAM RAJU): (a) and (b) The Government through its National Agenda declared "Housing for All" as a priority area and set up a target of construction of two million additional houses annually with the emphasis on the poor and deprived sections of the society. Out of this, 13 lakh additional dwelling units were to be constructed in rural areas and 7 lakh in urban areas every year.

(c) and (d) No specific survey has been conducted by the Ministry of Rural Development to determine homelessness in rural areas. However, according to 1991 Census, the rural housing shortage was 137.2 lakh. Details of State-wise housing shortage as per Census 1991 is enclosed.

***Statement***

*State-wise break up of rural housing shortage (Census 1991)*

| Sl. No. | Name of the States/ UTs | Housing Shortage |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| 1 | Andhra Pradesh | 1118355 |
| 2 | Arunachal Pradesh | 112170 |
| 3 | Assam | 2243965 |
| 4 | Bihar & Jharkhand | 4095740 |
| 5 | Goa | 9910 |
| 6 | Gujarat | 264805 |

| 1 | 2 | 3 |
|---|---|---|
| 7 | Haryana | 29510 |
| 8 | Himachal Pradesh | 16111 |
| 9 | Karnataka | 426915 |
| 10 | Kerala | 346780 |
| 11 | Madhya Pradesh & Chhatisgarh | 289770 |
| 12 | Maharashtra | 659900 |
| 13 | Manipur | 89198 |
| 14 | Meghalaya | 147918 |
| 15 | Mizoram | 36897 |
| 16 | Nagaland | 88881 |
| 17 | Orissa | 684655 |
| 18 | Punjab | 44370 |
| 19 | Rajasthan | 110965 |
| 20 | Sikkim | 12446 |
| 21 | Tamil Nadu | 318095 |
| 22 | Tripura | 192133 |
| 23 | Uttar Pradesh & Uttaranchal | 1251095 |
| 24 | West Bengal | 1084675 |
| 25 | A&N Islands | 17948 |
| 26 | Chandigarh | 454 |
| 27 | D&N Haveli | 7857 |
| 28 | Daman & Diu | 4483 |
| 29 | Delhi | 9125 |
| 30 | Lakshadweep | 165 |
| 31 | Pondicherry | 6247 |
| | TOTAL | 13721538 |